ous containers. I have come across cases of people getting operated because of swallowing of these small pains inadvertently. Will the Government take precautions to see that all things are averted?

KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE: Sir, I am very thankful to the hon. Member that he has given very useful suggestions to the Government and I welcome them. The Bureau of Indian Standards has prescribed the quality standards of plastic and plastic utensils.

Report of the Population Crisis Committee

*128. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether, according to the Population Crisis Committee, India is among the 80 developing countries with inadequate family planning services;

(b) if so, what is the place that India occupies in the community of nations in this regard; and what are the reasons to which it is attributable; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to effectively curb the annual growth rate of population?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Population Crisis Committee survey has rated the availability of various Family Planning Services and supplies in both developed and developing countries. In terms of access to birth control India ranks 16th from the top among the 95 developing countries. Whereas the survey has identified availability of oral contraceptives, IUDs and abortion facilities as inadequate, it gives an excellent scoring to India for contribution of Government Budget and Policies and other methods of constraception.

(c) To curb effectively the annual growth rate of population the strategies adopted include:

(i) provision of a minimum of service delivery infrastructure of Sub-centres, Primary Health Centres and of Community Health Centres; (ii) payment of compensation to acceptors and incentive payment to motivators; (iii) promotion of and supplies for temporary contraceptive methods; (iv) Intensification of the Programmes for mother and child health including universal immunisation; (v) Strengthening information, education and communication componen's; (v) increased involvement of local communities etc.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Sir, it is a long reply and I want a half-an-hour discussion on this important subject.

MR CHAIRMAN: We will see later on. (*Interruptions*) Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

रेलवे के कार्यकरण का कम्प्यूटरीकरण

*123. **श्री रशीद मसूद** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने रेलवेज के कार्यकरण के कम्प्यूटीकरण के लिये एक महती योजना तैयार की है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस योजना की रूपरेखा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि योजना आयोग ने इस परियोजना के संबंध में, हाल में कुछ सुझाव दिये हैं ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो वे सुझाव क्या हैं और उन पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

रेल मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री माधवराव सिंधिया) : (क) और (ख) सरकार ने उच्च गति, विश्वसनीय आंकड़ा सम्प्रेषण सम्पर्कों के माध्यम से रेलवे माल गाड़ी परिचालन सूचना प्रणाली के कम्प्यूटीकरण के लिए एक वृहद योजना तैयार की थी।

(ग) और (घ) योजना आयोग ने परियोजना का पुनर्मूल्यांकन करने का सुझाव दिया है और परियोजना के दूर-संचार प्रभाग की समीक्षा करने के लिए एक समिति का गठन किया है।

National Expert Committee on Residential Polytechnics for Women

*124. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently constituted a National Expert Committee to finalise the details for setting up residential polytechnics for women in different parts of the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) The Government have set up a National Expert Committee to examine the proposals received from the State Governments/Union Territories for setting up residential polytechnics for women and make recommendations regarding their establishment including location.

*129. [*Transferred to the* 14 March, 1988].

Shortage of Cancer Detection Equipment in Delhi

*130. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the existing Cancer Institutes in Delhi are without proper cancer detection equipment and the hospital authorities have requested for not opening of new Cancer Detection Centres in Delhi; and

(b) if so, what were the reasons for the inadequacy and insufficiency of equipment for Cancer detection in various Hospitals in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Festivals of India

*131. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to hold or permit holding any Festivals of India abroad in the next two years, similar to those held in UK, USA, France and USSR; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the funds earmarked for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir, in Japan

(b) The Festival will be inaugurated on 15th April with a concert in Tokyo. The